

PNWTOA NEWSLETTER

FEBUARY 2016

The PNWTOA board has been very busy since the first of the year. Some of the highlights are the election of two new board members, Barb Silvey from Eastern Washington and Sonia Isotov from Southern Oregon, the revamping of the New Hire Pathway, new training modules and many new officials throughout the section registering to become tennis officials.

FAC RULE BOOK

All certified officials should have received the new FAC rule book by now. Additional resources to FAC, USTA Officiating: Scenarios and Interpretations and USTA Officiating: Techniques and Procedures and USTA Officiating Certification can be down loaded on line at: usta.com/officiating, Click on RULES. These documents are very informative and worth looking over, if not down loaded and printed for your own references. If you have not gotten your 2016 FAC rule book and you are current 2016 certified official send an email requesting one at officiating@usta.com.

NEW HIRE PATHWAY AND TRAINING MODULES

The first 4 training modules are scheduled to come out February 29th. New officials will need to complete these 4 training modules before they can be certified USTA officials and move on to training. Current 2016 officials will need to complete these 4 and additional training modules that will come later this year, for 2017 certification, by October 2016.

Steps for New Officials:

1. USTA Member
2. Complete Safe Play program and background check
3. Complete Intro to Officiating webinar
4. Complete Regulations 1,2,3 webinars
5. Apply for Nucula account
6. Once approved for Nucula account, they are considered certified USTA Official.

All officials will be required to take the Roving webinar in 2016 for re-certification in 2017.

NEW JUNIOR COMPETITION COORDINATOR FOR PNW/USTA

Trent Corvino tcorvino@pnw.usta.com

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Send Junior Code Violation forms to Trent.

PNWTOA MEMBERSHIP

PNWTOA membership is over 50% of certified officials as of the first of February. This is very encouraging. At this time your area assignors will continue to only be able to assign you to an event if you are a PNWTOA member. We anticipated that there would be questions to why you need to be a member in order to be assigned for work. The bottom line is that dues from your membership are our best resource for generating funds for our section. One area where we want to spend the money is on court training and education for new officials and officials who want to move into other areas of officiating. We received training funds from USTA and found how quickly that was spent for only 3 Chair training clinics in 2015. With the cancellation of USTA annual schools we hope to promote more training clinics throughout the calendar year and we will need additional financial backing to promote these section wide.

ITA UPDATE

An ITA rulebook has been published online and some of you have received it in the mail. The ITA committee will be contacting officials this summer with 2017 certification details.

NEW UNIFORMS

Dead line for all officials to be wearing the new USTA uniform is March 1st.

SandHuniforms/tennisofficial.com

2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 24TH AT 7:00

At the Annual Meeting conference call we will be selecting nominees to replace 3 positions on the PNWTOA board. Each board position will be for a 3 year term.

Nominees will need to be PNWTOA Members. If you wish to nominate someone for a board position, please forward their name and email to me.

Once the nominees have been selected a ballot will be sent to all PNW officials to vote. Completed ballots need to be sent to Mark Knudsen to be counted by April 8th. Only PNWTOA members are eligible to vote. In addition to the ballot there will be a PNWTOA membership form attached for you to join. The completed form and your \$25 membership dues will need to be included for your vote to count.

All members are invited to call in to the Annual Meeting. The meeting agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting and will include discussion about Sectional BYLAW changes, then open up to general member discussion.

Call in number for meeting: 1800-704-1867

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